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**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 162(FIN)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the fee for a state business license; and providing for an effective
2 date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 43.70.030(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The [LICENSE] fee for each business license [IS \$25] per year is

6 (1) \$100 if the business is a sole proprietorship;

7 (2) \$300 if the business is not a sole proprietorship; the businesses
8 covered by this paragraph include a corporation, limited liability company,
9 partnership, limited liability partnership, and limited partnership.

10 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2003.

Withdrawn

AMENDMENT 1

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
BY REPRESENTATIVE CROFT

TO: HB 162 (FIN)

Page 2:
Delete lines 7-14.

Page 2, line 7:
Insert a new line to read:
“(a) The license fee for each business is \$50 per year.”

House Finance Committee Vote Sheet

DATE: 5/5/03

SUBJECT: HR 162

MEMBER

YES

NO

CROFT		✓
FOSTER	✓	
HAWKER	✓	
JOULE		✓
MEYER	✓	
MOSES		✓
STOLTZE	✓	
WHITAKER	✓	
CHENAULT	✓	
WILLIAMS	✓	
HARRIS	✓	
TOTAL:		

PASSED: 3-8

FAILED: _____

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Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to fees charged by certain state agencies; and providing for an effective
2 date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 37.10.050(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) A state agency may not charge a fee for the provision of state services
6 unless the fee (1) is set or otherwise authorized by statute; and (2) where a regulation
7 is necessary, is set by or provided for in a regulation that meets the standards of
8 AS 44.62.020 and 44.62.030. Unless specifically exempted by statute, a state agency
9 authorized to collect or receive fees, licenses, taxes, or other money belonging to the
10 state shall account for and remit the receipts, less fees to which the collector is entitled
11 by statute or regulation, to the Department of Revenue at least once each month. The
12 commissioner of administration shall separately account under AS 37.05.142 for
13 receipts deposited under this subsection. A fee or other charge that is set by regulation
14 may not exceed the estimated actual costs of the state agency in administering the

1 activity or providing the service unless otherwise provided by the statute under which
 2 the regulation is adopted; however, this limitation does not apply to sale or lease of
 3 property by a state agency, [OR] fees charged by a resource agency for a designated
 4 regulatory service as defined in AS 37.10.058, or fees adopted by the Department of
 5 Natural Resources under AS 44.37.025 or 44.37.027.

6 * Sec. 2. AS 43.70.030(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) The [LICENSE] fee for each business license [IS \$25] per year is
 8 (1) \$100 if the business is a sole proprietorship, except that the fee
 9 is \$50 if the sole proprietor is 65 years of age or older when the sole proprietor
 10 applies for the license or the sole proprietor will reach 65 years of age at any time
 11 during the year for which the license is issued;

12 (2) \$300 if the business is not a sole proprietorship; the businesses
 13 covered by this paragraph include a corporation, limited liability company,
 14 partnership, limited liability partnership, and limited partnership.

15 * Sec. 3. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
 16 read:

17 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Natural Resources may
 18 proceed to adopt regulations in implement the changes made by sec. 1 of this Act. Those
 19 regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the
 20 effective date of sec. 1 of this Act.

21 * Sec. 4. Section 3 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

22 * Sec. 5. Except as provided in sec. 4 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2003.

Proposed Increased Revenues

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Increase recording fees – through new regulations

DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAM NAME:

Department of Natural Resources
Recorder's/UCC Component

SUMMARY:

This proposal addresses an increase in recording fees in the state of Alaska. Basic recording fees have not changed since 1991, when Alaska increased its fees to one of the highest rates in the nation. After more than a decade without change, Alaska fees remain among the highest in the nation. The current fee is based on the size of a document (\$15.00 for the first page and \$3.00 for each additional page of the same document). If the fee were increased to \$20.00 for the first page and \$5.00 for each additional page of the same document, an estimated \$2.2 million additional revenues would be raised per year (based on the recording volume experienced in FY02).

WHO WILL PAY?

In virtually all cases, recording fees are passed through from the banks and financial institutions to the individual consumer as an increased transaction cost. Everyone who uses the recording system would be subject to increased costs of doing business. This includes the real estate industry, mortgage companies and financial institutions, mining industry, attorneys, government agencies, and the public at large.

ESTIMATED REVENUE EXPECTED: (include information about timing for implementation and when revenue stream will begin)

Based on the recording volume experienced in the last fiscal year (FY02), an increase to \$20 first page/\$5 additional page would result in an estimated \$2.2 million additional revenues per year. The proposal would require a change in administrative regulation before it could be implemented. Many operational changes would also be required, including changes in the revenue and billing system, the component's customized receipting system, web sites, customer brochures and handouts, and other areas. The component would strive for a start date that coincides with the beginning of a fiscal year or a calendar year in order to ensure consistency throughout the state.

WHO WILL OPPOSE THIS BILL? (agencies and constituent groups)

It is anticipated that this bill will not have any opposition as the language clarifies that the recording program can collect fees in excess of the cost of operation. The proposed increases in fees by regulation will receive many comments from the real estate, banking, title and mining industries, and others. Specifically, we would expect to see comments from such groups as the Alaska Bankers Association, the Alaska Land Title Association, the Alaska Miners Association, the Alaska State Escrow Association, the Alaska Bar Association, the Alaska Association of Realtors, the Alaska State Homebuilders Association, the Mortgage Bankers Association, and the Alaska Credit Union League. There may also be comments from other government entities at the federal, state and local level for whom fees are not waived.

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Proposed Revenues

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Increase Uniform Commercial Code filing fees through new regulations

DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAM NAME:

Department of Natural Resources
Recorder's/UCC Component

SUMMARY:

The Administration will propose an increase in Uniform Commercial Code filing fees in the state of Alaska. Basic filing fees for new financing statements have not changed since 1991. Some fee changes for subsequent filings occurred in 2001 as a result of implementation of Revised Article Nine of the Uniform Commercial Code. The current filing fee for a new financing statement is \$8.00 per debtor name. This proposal would raise the fee for a new financing statement to a flat \$20.00. Because of the different method of calculation between existing and proposed fees (per name versus flat rate), it is difficult to determine exactly how much of an increase this would generate. Based on the volume of new financing statements experienced in the last fiscal year (FY02), it is estimated that this proposal would generate between \$100.0 and \$175.0 in additional revenues per year. Thirty-eight states currently have higher UCC filing fees than Alaska. Since most other states are already charging more than Alaska, Alaska should look at bringing its UCC fees more in line with the rest of the nation.

WHO WILL PAY?

Secured parties who utilize Uniform Commercial Code filings to perfect security interests in personal property are typically institutional lenders and many are from out of state. Debtors in such transactions are typically corporations and other business entities. In virtually all cases, UCC filing fees are passed along to the debtors as an increased cost of doing business.

ESTIMATED REVENUE EXPECTED: (include information about timing for implementation and when revenue stream will begin)

Based on the volume of new UCC financing statements experienced in the last fiscal year (FY02), it is estimated that this proposal would generate between \$100.0 and \$175.0 in additional revenues per year. The proposal would require a change in administrative regulation before it could be implemented. Many operational changes would also be required, including changes in the revenue and billing system, the component's customized receipting system, web sites, customer brochures and handouts, and other areas. The component would strive for a start

date that coincides with the beginning of a fiscal year or a calendar year in order to ensure consistency throughout the state.

WHAT OTHER DEPARTMENTS WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS PROPOSAL?

Because the component waives fees for state business, other state agencies will not be directly affected. However, some state entities such as Alaska Housing or AIDEA that pass fees on to consumers would be required to comply with the increased rates.

WHO WILL OPPOSE THIS BILL? (agencies and constituent groups)

It is anticipated that the proposed regulations will receive comments from the banking and title industries, and others. Specifically, we would expect to see comments from such groups as the Alaska Bankers Association, the Alaska Land Title Association and the Alaska Credit Union League. Corporate users in the business world would not support this change. There may also be resistance from other government entities at the federal, state and local level for whom fees are not waived.

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: CSHB 162 (L&C)
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____
 Title Increase Business License Fee
 Sponsor House Labor and Commerce
 Requester House Finance

Dept. Affected: DCED
 BRU Occupational Licensing (117)
 Component Occupational Licensing
 Component No. 2360

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
CHANGE IN REVENUES (1175)	2,133.7	2,133.7	2,133.7	2,133.7	2,133.7	2,133.7

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other 1156 - Receipt Supported Services						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

CSHB 162(L&C) creates a fee scale for business licenses based on information provided by the Alaska Department of Labor identifying the number of employees reported by businesses in 2002. The revenue shown above is new revenue anticipated as a result of the proposed fee scale. The total fiscal year estimate of new and existing revenue is \$3,778.0.

This fiscal note is based on business employee statistics reported by the Department of Labor for one year and applied to the fee scale provided in the bill; unlike the previous fiscal note which was based on actual numbers of business licenses expiring in FY 04 and FY 05 respectively, and paying the same fee.

Prepared by: Jennifer Stricklor, Administrative Manager
 Division: Occupational Licensing
 Approved by: Edgar Blatchford, Commissioner
 Agency: Department of Community & Economic Development

Phone 907-465-2144
 Date/Time 5/2/03 3:16 PM
 Date 5/2/2003

House Finance Committee Vote Sheet

DATE: _____

4/25/03

SUBJECT: _____

CS (FIN) HB 162

(Consider?)

MEMBER

YES

NO

MEMBER	YES	NO
CROFT		✓
FOSTER	✓	
HAWKER	_____	
JOULE	_____	
MEYER	✓	
MOSES		✓
STOLTZE	✓	
WHITAKER	_____	
CHENAULT	_____	
WILLIAMS	✓	
HARRIS	✓	
TOTAL:		

PASSED: _____

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FAILED: _____

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: HB 162
 (H) Publish Date: 3/5/03

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DCED
 Title An Act increasing the fee for a State BRU Occupational Licensing (117)
 business license:.... Component Occupational Licensing
 Sponsor _____
 Requester _____ Component No. 2360

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES - 1175	6,935.0	6,935.0	6,935.0	6,935.0	6,935.0	6,935.0
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other 1175 - BusLic Receipts	6,935.0	6,935.0	6,935.0	6,935.0	6,935.0	6,935.0
TOTAL	6,935.0	6,935.0	6,935.0	6,935.0	6,935.0	6,935.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0
 Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time	3	3	3	3	3	3
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The bill increases the business license fee from \$25.00 per year to \$200.00 per year. Business Licensing regulation 12 AAC 12.010(a) specifies that business licenses are issued on a biennial cycle, and therefore licensees will be expected to pay \$400.00 license fees upon issuance of new or renewed licenses.

REVENUE:

The revenue increase identified above is based on licensees that would be eligible to renew, assuming that 40% of the 73,000 licensees would not renew due to the fee increase.

Prepared by: Tom Lawson Phone (907) 465-2144
 Division: Administrative Services Date/Time 3/5/03 9:56 AM
 Approved by: Edgar Blatchford, Commissioner Date 3/5/2003
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HB 162



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STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

March 5, 2003

The Honorable Pete Kott
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Kott:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that would increase the fee for a business license.

The current fee has been in effect since 1949. The current revenues collected fall far short of the services provided to Alaskan businesses. The increase in fees is in line with what other states charge.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank H. Murkowski".

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

To: Josh Applebee

From: Rick Union

Issues Related to Alaska Business Fees

The projections in our proposed alternative ways of increasing the business license fee are all based on an actual count of 65,773 business licenses.

Alternative #1 Governor's Bill

A full 90% of the business licenses are issued to businesses with 0- 4 employees. We assume that 50% (21,966) of the sole proprietorships will not renew their licenses under this proposal.

All businesses	\$200 per year
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Alternative #2

With this proposal we establish three classes of business licenses. The classes are based on the number of employees. These employee numbers coincide with the statistics now gathered by the Department of Labor in the quarterly reports filled by employers. While this proposal doubles the existing cost for a license on the low end, we assume that everyone currently licensed will renew. In all of our proposals with the fee based on the number of employees, we assume that all businesses with five or more employees will renew.

0-4 employees	\$50 per year
5-19 employees	\$100 per year
20 + employees	\$200 per year

Alternative #3

With this proposal, we assume that 12.5% (5,492) of the sole proprietors will not renew their licenses.

0-4 employees	\$75 per year
5-19 employees	\$150 per year
20 + employees	\$250 per year

Alternative #4

With this proposal, we assume that 25% (10,984) of the sole proprietors will not renew.

0-4 employees	\$100 per year
5-19 employees	\$200 per year
20 + employees	\$300 per year

Other Issues

1. Under current law, businesses with more than one location, such as Safeway and Williams Express, operate with only one business license. Amending Sec. 43.70.020(a) could change this. By requiring licenses for each location, we would gain about 267 businesses. Most of these would fall into the categories of five and above employees. This would result in additional revenue.
2. There has been some thought about going to an annual license in order to lessen the cash outlay required for the biennial license. If this were done it would have an effect on the tobacco endorsement required under Sec. 43.70.075. The law says that this endorsement costs \$100 and "expires at the same time as the license to which it attaches." Changing to an annual business license would have the effect of doubling the cost of this endorsement. We have issued 1,256 tobacco endorsements. This would bring in an additional \$125,600 in annual revenue.
3. There is no enforcement of the law requiring a business license and there has never been a case brought against anyone for operating without a license. There is confusion as to what the penalty is as there are sections in both Title 8 and Title 43. We may want to amend the law to allow for a simple citation with something like a \$100 fine.

#1 - GOVERNOR'S BILL: At \$200 per year for 0 - 4; 21,966 dropouts (50% sole proprietors)						
No. of Employees (DOL Qtr 3)	Dept of Labor Statistics (# of Firms)	No. of BL's 65,773	Proposed Fee (annual)	ANNUAL REVENUE	# of BL's x \$25 Annual Fee (Current Revenue)	Annual Rev. less Current Rev. NEW REVENUE
0 to 4	9,012	37,142	\$200.00	\$7,428,400.00	\$1,477,700.00	\$5,950,700.00
5 to 19	5,104	5,104	200.00	1,020,800.00	\$127,600.00	\$893,200.00
20 +	1,561	1,561	200.00	312,200.00	\$39,025.00	\$273,175.00
TOTAL Annual Revenue:				\$8,761,400.00	\$1,644,325.00	\$7,117,075.00
#2 - At \$50 per year for 0 - 4; with NO dropouts						
No. of Employees (DOL Qtr 3)	Dept of Labor Statistics (# of Firms)	No. of BL's 65,773	Proposed Fee (annual)	ANNUAL REVENUE	# of BL's x \$25 Annual Fee (Current Revenue)	Annual Rev. less Current Rev. NEW REVENUE
0 to 4	9,012	59,108	\$50.00	\$2,955,400.00	\$1,477,700.00	\$1,477,700.00
5 to 19	5,104	5,104	100.00	510,400.00	\$127,600.00	\$382,800.00
20 +	1,561	1,561	200.00	312,200.00	\$39,025.00	\$273,175.00
TOTAL Annual Revenue:				\$3,778,000.00	\$1,644,325.00	\$2,133,675.00
#3 - At \$75 per year for 0 - 4; 5,492 dropouts (12.5% sole proprietors)						
No. of Employees (DOL Qtr 3)	Dept of Labor Statistics (# of Firms)	No. of BL's 65,773	Proposed Fee (annual)	ANNUAL REVENUE	# of BL's x \$25 Annual Fee (Current Revenue)	Annual Rev. less Current Rev. NEW REVENUE
0 to 4	9,012	53,616	\$75.00	\$4,021,200.00	\$1,477,700.00	\$2,543,500.00
5 to 19	5,104	5,104	150.00	765,600.00	\$127,600.00	\$638,000.00
20 +	1,561	1,561	250.00	390,250.00	\$39,025.00	\$351,225.00
TOTAL Annual Revenue:				\$5,177,050.00	\$1,644,325.00	\$3,532,725.00
#4 - At \$100 per year for 0 - 4; 10,984 dropouts (25% sole proprietors)						
No. of Employees (DOL Qtr 3)	Dept of Labor Statistics (# of Firms)	No. of BL's 65,773	Proposed Fee (annual)	ANNUAL REVENUE	# of BL's x \$25 Annual Fee (Current Revenue)	Annual Rev. less Current Rev. NEW REVENUE
0 to 4	9,012	48,124	\$100.00	\$4,812,400.00	\$1,477,700.00	\$3,334,700.00
5 to 19	5,104	5,104	200.00	1,020,800.00	\$127,600.00	\$893,200.00
20 +	1,561	1,561	300.00	468,300.00	\$39,025.00	\$429,275.00
TOTAL Annual Revenue:				\$6,301,500.00	\$1,644,325.00	\$4,657,175.00

If we amend the law to require businesses with multiple locations to have a business license for each location, we would gain about 267 additional licenses (based on the multiple tobacco endorsement information).

Most of these would be in the 5, 10 and 20 categories.

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City of Leavenworth

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Leavenworth, WA 98826
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INFORMATION FOR NEW BUSINESS OWNERS

A city business license is required for all businesses located within the city limits. An application can be obtained at the front counter in city hall. The business license year runs from July 1 through June 30. Most businesses are located within the commercial zones of the city. Some home businesses in the residential zones may be allowed but typically require a conditional use permit (CUP). A presubmission conference should be held to determine what will be required.

All commercial buildings, structures, walkways, and lighting in the commercial zones of the city are subject to the Old World Bavarian architectural theme requirements. These requirements are found in Chapter 14.08 of the Leavenworth Municipal Code and are reviewed by the Leavenworth Design Review Board. The city staff contact person for the design review board is the code administrator. A building permit and design review approval is required for most new commercial construction and remodeling. Design review approval is required for repainting of a commercial building to a color different from the color originally approved. A sign permit approved by the design review board is also required for a new sign or when changing a sign. To inquire about what requirements would apply to your project, please consult Chapters 14.08 and 14.10 of the Leavenworth Municipal Code and talk with the code administrator.

For most projects, a presubmission conference is required. This meeting is held to provide the applicant with the best available information regarding the development proposal and application processing requirements. The presubmission conference is an opportunity for the applicant, staff, and other agencies to informally discuss and review the proposed development, application and permit requirements, fees, review process and schedule, and applicable development standards, plans, policies and laws. A presubmission conference handout and application form are available at the front counter at city hall. The presubmission conference is offered at no charge.

CITY OF LEAVENWORTH, WASHINGTON

Annual Business License Application

City Business License Year is from July 1 - June 30.

Year _____

Name of Business _____

Mailing Address _____

Type of Business _____

Leavenworth Business Address _____ Phone: _____

Name of Owner _____

Mailing Address _____

Number of Persons, INCLUDING OWNERS, working in or for the Business on June 1st.

*No. of Persons _____ Fee \$ _____

Make Remittance to City Clerk

(*For businesses located outside city, show number of persons who perform any part of duties inside city, For businesses inside the city, show number of persons working in the business.)

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Number of Persons	Fee
1 to 5	\$100.00
6 to 12	\$120.00
13 to 25	\$270.00
26 to 50	\$475.00
51 and over	\$700.00
Any New Business, part year after	
January 1 to June 30	1/2 Rate

PENALTY - AFTER JULY 31st.

Any person failing to pay the annual license fee imposed when due shall pay a civil penalty to the City of Leavenworth equal to 50% of the applicable business license fee in the event the annual fee is paid after July 31 but on or before August 31 in the year in which it is due and a penalty equal to 100% of the applicable license fee due in the event the annual license fee is paid after August 31 in the year in which said fee is due. (Ordinance #'s 748 and 874)

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information above is correct, to my best knowledge and belief.

_____,20____
Date of Application

(Signature)

(Title)

Note: Please complete and return to:
City Clerk
P.O. Box 287
Leavenworth, WA 98826

Phone: (509) 548-5275
Fax: (509) 548-6429

CITY CLERK'S USE ONLY - DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

DATE RECEIVED _____ LICENSE NO. _____ \$ _____ Annual

APPROVED BY _____ PENALTY _____

CHECK # _____ CASH _____ RECEIPT # _____ TOTAL \$ _____

PAYMENT DUE JUNE 30th - DELINQUENT PER PENALTY AFTER JULY 31st

3/12/2003

To: Senator Con Bunde
Chair Senate Labor and Commerce Committee
And Committee Members
Fax: 907-465-3871

From: Ronald Jordan
8170 Woodgreen Cr.
Anchorage, AK. 99518

Ref: SB 114 "Increase Business License Fee"

Dear Senator Bunde

SB 114 " Increase Business License Fee" I do agree that license fees need to be changed. But the proposed change by the Governor will hurt or stop a new small business from being started with a \$400.00 up front biannual fee. For a proposed license fee change like this would stop new many people from even starting up a business.

I would like to recommend a "Stair Step Method" licensing method that some city's and states have for established business in the lower 48. I would like to submit that the committee look at a \$100.00 biannual first time small business start up fee. State quarterly reports of personnel working would be able to track the need for increased fees.

Also I would to submit to you and your committee a licensing example from the City of Leavenworth, WA. on the following two faxed pages. If the committee would consider a look at changing our business licensing method to this type of program.

Sincerely
Ronald Jordan



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Cc: Senator John Cowdery
My Senate Rep.

ATTEN: JANG